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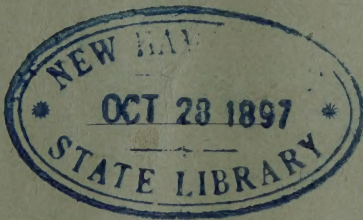
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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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## *Selectmen :*

JOHN C. PEARSON,  
GEORGE L. PILLSBURY,  
ENOCH G. WOODS.

## *Town-Clerk :*

CHARLES E. CHADWICK.

## *Treasurer :*

CHARLES J. ELLSWORTH.

## *Collector of Taxes :*

WILLIS G. BUXTON.

## *Auditors :*

LUTHER GAGE.  
WALTER E. SWEATT.

## *School Board, Town District :*

JAMES O. ADAMS,  
JOHN G. MEADER,  
WILLIAM P. ABBOTT.

## *Board of Education, Penacook District :*

JOHN C. PEARSON,  
WILLIS G. BUXTON,  
FRANK H. GAGE.

## *Supervisors of Check-List :*

CHARLES J. ELLSWORTH,  
AUSTIN G. KIMBALL,  
CHARLES W. HARDY.

## *Police :*

CHARLES M. BOYCE,  
IRA S. TOWLE,  
HENRY SWEET,  
GEORGE H. GROSS.



# DETAILED STATEMENT

OF THE

## EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

List of taxes assessed on the polls and property, as inventoried April 1, 1886, and committed to Willis G. Buxton for collection, as follows, to wit:

State, county, town, and school taxes,	\$8,378.55
Highway taxes,	873.26
School-house and special tax, Penacook district,	786.19
Precinct taxes,	309.64
School-house and special tax, town district,	4,017.18
Dog taxes,	80.00
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	\$14,444.82

This list has been collected and paid to the treasurer as follows:

Cash,	\$10,308.44
Abatement on school-house tax, town district,	3,656.78
Discount on taxes paid prior to July 1, 1886,	347.37
Abatements and over-tax,	132.23
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	\$14,444.82

### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

1886.

July 31. Paid George P. Little, county  
treasurer, county tax, \$1,577.62

1887.

Jan. 1. Paid Solon A. Carter, state  
treasurer, state tax, 1,636.00  

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\$3,213.62

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1886. Paid:

March	20.	F. D. Johnson, digging graves,	\$4.00
		B. F. Butler, notifying town officers,	4.00
		Republican Press Association, printing town reports,	35.00
April	16.	Ben. W. Rowell, digging grave,	2.00
	17.	Henry Coffin, error in inventory, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, interest money,	33.92
		F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
	21.	J. B. Sanborn, books,	3.45
May	22.	J. H. Flanders, for G. A. R.,	25.00
		J. W. Bent, digging grave,	2.00
	29.	Asa M. Gage, bounty on grasshoppers, 1885,	19.75
		Dr. J. W. Staples, record of births and deaths,	4.00
June	26.	W. G. Buxton, com., part of precinct tax,	80.00
		Mrs. M. L. Ambrose, selectmen's expense,	9.00
		A. W. Knowlton, error in school-house tax,	1.33
July	31.	Geo. L. Pillsbury, repairs and cash paid out on water-trough, Boscawen Plain,	9.61
		F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
Aug.	28.	F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
		Miss E. P. Gill, selectmen's expense,	4.50
		J. W. Bent, digging grave,	2.00
		H. H. Amsden & Son, wood for lobby,	.63
		N. S. Webster, watering-trough,	3.00
		E. G. Wood, copying inventory for use of county commissioners,	6.00
Sept.	25.	F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
Oct.	16.	C. W. Hardy, fire alarm,	9.91
Nov.	27.	W. G. Buxton, part precinct tax,	70.00
		D. D. Webster, care of town hall,	2.00
		J. W. Bent, digging grave,	2.00
		C. N. Bean, coal for engine house,	16.00
		Republican Press Association, printing and check-lists,	11.75
Dec.	25.	Everett W. Durgin, care town hall,	2.00
		Geo. A. Brown, selectmen's expenses,	6.75



1887.

Jan.	29.	W. W. Flint, digging grave,	\$2.00
		Asa M. Gage, bounty on grasshoppers, 1886,	8.50
		Dr. E. E. Graves, return of births and deaths,	6.25
		I. K. Gage, watering-trough,	3.00
		Town of Webster, care of Beaver Dam cemetery, &c.,	6.21
Feb.	1.	Torrent Engine Co. pay roll,	250.00
		Dr. H. C. Holbrook, medical attendance on George Bassett,	2.00
		Geo. A. Brown, selectmen's expenses,	1.50
		Mary L. Dodge and sisters, watering-trough,	3.00
	25.	N. Colby, watering-trough,	3.00
		C. E. Chadwick, stationery, copying, &c.,	20.60
		John Chadwick, horse hire,	2.00
		S. G. Noyes, printing,	8.25
	26.	W. G. Buxton, balance of precinct tax,	150.00
		W. P. Abbott, cutting bushes in No. Water Street cemetery,	1.50
		W. G. Buxton, legal services as counsel in Dudley case, &c.,	54.74
		W. G. Buxton, use of money,	30.00
		W. G. Buxton, discount on taxes paid prior to July 1, 1886,	347.37
		W. G. Buxton, services as collector of taxes and guarantee,	260.00
		H. Bonney, hotel expenses for selectmen and men on Noyes case,	3.00
		G. C. Atkinson, sheep killed by dogs,	2.25
		L. W. Couch, ice for water trough,	8.00
	28.	J. C. Pearson, car-fare, horse-hire, and expenses,	25.00
		J. W. Bent, digging graves,	4.00
		Geo. A. Brown, selectmen's expenses,	8.25
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			\$1,588.02

## AID TO THE POOR.—COUNTY CHARGES.

1886. Paid:			
March	27.	Mrs. E. C. Annis, aid to Aphia Thurston,	\$24.00
		Alonzo Gordon, aid to E. Gordon,	4.00
April	21.	“ “ “ “	4.00
May	22.	G. E. Kimball, aid to H. Nichols,	2.00
		Mrs. E. C. Annis, aid to Aphia Thurston,	24.00
June	26.	“ “ “ “	15.00
		Alonzo Gordon, aid to E. Gordon,	4.00
July	31.	Mrs. E. C. Annis, aid to Aphia Thurston,	15.00
		C. W. Carter, aid to Luke Call,	11.42
Aug.	28.	“ “ “	13.16
		Mrs. H. S. Mason, aid to Gleason child,	45.00
		Alonzo Gordon, aid to E. Gordon,	6.00
Sept.	26.	“ “ “	4.00
		E. C. Annis, aid to Aphia Thurston,	15.00
Oct.	30.	Irving D. Kidder, aid to Darius Kidder,	9.00
		Alden Keniston, aid to Mrs. Keniston,	24.00
		B. W. Rowell, aid to tramps,	3.00
		“ “ Mrs. Luke Call,	31.65
Nov.	27.	Geo. L. Pillsbury, cash paid for Aphia Thurston,	21.00
		J. C. Pearson, cash paid for Mrs. Keniston,	40.00
		Irving D. Kidder, aid to Darius Kidder,	4.00
		W. W. Kilburn, aid to transients,	6.00
		Alonzo Gordon, aid to E. Gordon,	2.00
		Alden Keniston, aid to Mrs. Keniston,	26.00
Dec.	25.	J. A. Coburn, funeral charges for Aphia Thurston,	11.00
		Mary B. Hanson, care of Mrs. Keniston,	4.50
		Alden Keniston, aid to Mrs. Keniston,	12.00
1887.			
Jan.	29.	Irving D. Kidder, aid to Darius Kidder,	4.43
		I. K. Gage, aid to Mrs. Keniston,	5.67
		Flanders & Neller, aid to Mrs. Keniston, wood,	20.00
		C. W. Carter, aid to Luke Call,	19.75
Feb.	1.	Geo. A. Brown, aid to transient persons,	1.00



Feb.	1. Henry Sweet, aid to tramps,	\$2.87
	Mrs. H. L. Mason, aid to Gleason child,	33.00
	Alonzo Gordon, aid to E. Gordon,	6.00
	C. E. Chadwick, school books for E. Gordon,	1.40
	E. C. Annis, extra aid to Aphia Thurston,	20.00
	C. E. Chadwick, school books for poor children,	8.61
	25. W. W. Kilburn, aid to tramps,	1.00
	H. S. Annis, aid to sundry persons,	5.00
	C. M. Boyce, aid to tramps,	5.00
	26. Irving D. Kidder, aid to D. Kidder,	4.00
	Ira S. Towle, aid to tramps,	3.00

#### AID TO THE POOR—TOWN CHARGES.

1886.

May	22. Geo. E. Kimball, aid to R. Ingham,	\$6.00
	29. Geo. L. Pillsbury, cash paid out for Tamar Sargent,	15.00
June	26. Geo. L. Pillsbury, cash paid out for Tamar Sargent,	15.10
	Foot & Morse, aid to R. Ingham,	2.50
July	31. C. W. Carter, aid to Tamar Sargent,	11.83
	Mrs. W. C. Marden, care of Tamar Sargent,	7.85
	Elias Nield, aid to Robert Ingham,	6.00
Aug.	21. Mrs. W. C. Marden, care of Tamar Sargent,	8.00
	28. C. W. Carter, aid to Tamar Sargent,	11.48
	Hull & Brown, aid to Tamar Sargent,	2.08
	E. Raymond, aid to Tamar Sargent,	6.50
Nov.	27. W. G. Buxton, aid to R. Ingham—rent,	20.00
	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to R. Ingham,	24.98
Dec.	25. J. C. Pearson, cash paid for J. Minningham,	12.50
1887.		
Jan.	29. Flanders & Neller, wood for J. Minningham,	2.25
Feb.	28. E. S. Harris, aid to J. Minningham,	18.00
		<hr/> \$690.13

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1886. Paid :		
March	27.	Geo. M. Taft, cutter for road-machine, \$6.00
		Burbank Brothers, plank, 13.73
		S. B. Chadwick, labor and cash paid out, 1885, 23.48
		Ira S. Holmes, lighting Canterbury bridge, 12.50
April	16.	N. Colby, surveyor, 23.69
		Henry Coffin, work on road, 1.30
May	22.	N. S. Webster, surveyor, 20.00
		J. H. Flanders, " 15.00
	29.	Geo. H. Getchel, work on road, 1.00
June	26.	E. W. Atkinson, work with road-machine, 17.00
		Geo. H. Folsom, work and cash paid out on Mill Brook bridge, old road, 40.00
		Geo. H. Folsom, surveyor, work and cash paid out on highway, 36.57
		L. T. Silver, surveyor, 27.73
		J. G. Eastman, " 10.50
		W. B. Burpee, " 7.25
		Geo. W. Fisher, work, 1.75
		C. A. Folsom, surveyor, 65.51
		Fred Gilman, " 25.00
		E. W. Atkinson, work, 25.05
		J. H. Flanders, surveyor, 60.00
		N. S. Webster, " 50.00
		N. Colby, " 70.50
		Charles Huntoon, " 25.00
		W. C. Marden, work on road, 6.07
		Stevens & Duncklee, bridge lantern, 3.50
		Burbank Brothers, plank, 15.15
		B. F. Griffin, surveyor, 27.05
July	31.	Ira N. Colby, " 27.25
		Burbank Brothers, plank, 32.36
		J. G. Smith, surveyor, 22.30
		C. W. Carter, spikes, &c., .46
Aug.	4.	S. B. Chadwick, flooring for Lower Canterbury bridge, 199.21
Aug.	28.	N. Colby, work on C. bridge, 13.50



Aug.	28.	C. E. Hannaford, work on C. bridge,	\$15.00
		J. W. Bent, "	.90
		B. Pritchard, "	20.00
		D. D. Webster, "	9.00
		Geo. L. Pillsbury, "	25.50
		John Whitaker, lumber for C. bridge,	5.65
		C. W. Carter, nails and spikes for bridge,	14.79
		Fred Gilman, work,	76.26
		N. Colby, surveyor,	11.25
		Charles Huntoon, surveyor,	13.71
		J. G. Smith,	3.98
Sept.	25.	E. W. Atkinson, work and horse hire,	8.76
		J. G. Eastman, surveyor, lumber and work,	5.75
		N. S. Webster, rebuilding Cold Brook bridge,	13.50
Oct.	16.	J. V. Smith, work,	8.93
	30.	H. L. Ferrin, surveyor, work, &c.,	28.42
Nov.	27.	Charles Huntoon, surveyor,	3.00
		Wallace Burleigh, plank for stirrup iron bridge,	6.94
		I. N. Colby, surveyor,	31.25
		I. S. Holmes, lighting bridge,	17.50
		E. W. Atkinson, work,	2.50
		F. L. Gerrish, "	5.00
Dec.	25.	Folsom Brothers, "	12.10
		W. G. Goodhue, "	2.00
		Ezekiel W. Durgin, repairs on road-machine,	1.30
		J. H. Flanders, surveyor,	25.00
1887.			
Jan.	29.	C. W. Carter, spikes, &c.,	3.46
		C. A. Folsom, surveyor,	9.83
		John Whitaker, lumber for canal bridge,	30.01
		Nathan Colby, surveyor,	114.75
Feb.	24.	N. S. Webster, "	32.44
	25.	J. H. Flanders, "	13.20
		N. Colby, "	40.00
		James Connor, "	200.25
		Ira N. Colby, "	9.35
		C. A. Folsom, "	4.76
		Geo. H. Folsom, "	3.60

Feb.	25.	H. L. Ferrin, surveyor,	\$8.85
		W. G. Buxton, lighting lamps on engine- house and Twin bridge,	29.00
		L. T. Silver, surveyor,	11.77
		B. F. Griffin, "	9.40
		Foote & Morse, spikes,	1.70
		N. Colby, gravel,	5.00
		Fred Gilman, surveyor,	8.94
		B. F. Griffin, work on bridge and cutting bushes,	7.06
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			\$1,836.18

## SCHOOL-MONEY.

1886. Paid :

June	26.	J. G. Meder, treasurer town district school-money,	\$350.00
Oct.	16.	J. G. Meder, treasurer town district school-money,	50.00
Nov.	27.	J. G. Meder, treasurer town district school-money,	200.00

1887.

Jan.	29.	J. G. Meder, treasurer, balance school- money,	334.19
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1886.

May	29.	J. G. Meder, treasurer, special appro- priation, town district,	100.00
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1887.

Jan.	29.	J. G. Meder, treasurer, special appro- priation, town district,	50.00
Feb.	1.	J. G. Meder, treasurer, special appro- priation, town district,	50.00

1886.

June	26.	A. C. Alexander, special tax Penacook district,	150.00
		W. G. Buxton, treasurer Penacook dis- trict school-money,	420.00
Sept.	25.	W. G. Buxton, treasurer school-house tax, Penacook district,	600.00
Nov.	27.	W. G. Buxton, treasurer school-money,	400.00



1887.

Feb.	26.	W. G. Buxton, balance of school-money Penacook district,	\$512.31
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			\$3,216.50

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

1886.

July	2.	Paid Charles D. Glitten, note and int.,	\$2,524.60
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

1886. Paid:

March	27.	S. B. Chadwick, services as selectman, 1885-'6,	\$5.00
June	26.	Walter E. Sweatt, auditor,	2.00

1887.

Feb.	1.	Charles J. Ellsworth, supervisor,	21.00
		Luther Gage, auditor,	2.00
	19.	Samuel Choate, supervisor,	15.00
	25.	C. E. Chadwick, town-clerk,	40.00
	26.	J. G. Eastman, supervisor,	15.00
		C. J. Ellsworth, treasurer,	50.00
	28.	J. C. Pearson, selectman,	100.00
		George L. Pillsbury, selectman,	85.00
		Enoch G. Wood, " "	85.00
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			\$420.00

## POLICE.

1886. Paid:

May	22.	C. M. Boyce, services,	\$50.00
		C. M. Boyce, extra services as truant officer,	8.00
Nov.	27.	Henry Sweet, services,	13.00
		W. W. Kilburn, " "	10.00

1887.

Feb.	1.	George H. Gross, services,	7.50
	26.	Ira S. Towle, " "	4.00
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			\$92.50

## Mrs. David Fellows's account.

1886. Paid :		
April	16. N. S. Gale & Co., iron sink, &c.,	\$4.25
June	26. Daniel Flint, board,	25.50
Oct.	30.       "       "	27.00
Nov.	27. J. P. Sanders & Son, shoes,	1.50
1887.		
Jan.	29. Daniel Flint, board,	21.00
	Dr. E. E. Graves, medical attendance,	6.25
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		\$85.50

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1887. Paid :		
Feb.	26. Willis G. Buxton, on list of 1886,	\$132.23
	28. W. D. Colby, on list of 1881,	25.20
	On list of 1884,	31.69
	"       1885,	36.34
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		\$225.46

## PENACOOK SEWER.

1886. Paid :		
May	3. Foss & Merrill, survey and plan,	\$7.60
Aug.	26. Humphrey, Dodge & Smith,	
	Akron pipe,	538.50
	J. P. Webster, freighting,	32.50
	17. H. W. Clapp, catch basins and	
	grates,	39.39
	Woodworth & Co., cement,	17.38
	27. J. E. Rines, brick,	14.00
	28. H. W. Morrill, freighting,	3.50
	Fred Gilman and others, labor,	376.40
	E. McShane, blacksmith work,	14.10
	H. H. Amsden & Sons, lumber,	4.30
	Foote & Morse, powder, fuse, &c.,	4.24
	Geo. E. Kimball, lanterns, &c.,	3.94
	Foote, Brown & Co., lanterns, &c.,	2.80
	J. C. Pearson, cash paid for use	
	of tools, dynamite, &c.,	62.30
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		\$1,120.95



Received of		
Aug. 28.	W. G. Buxton, for pipe, labor, cement, &c.,	\$98.84
	Gage & Nield, pipe, labor, ce- ment, &c.,	12.25
	H. Bonney, pipe, labor, cement, &c.,	8.70
	From auction sale of lumber, &c.,	5.41
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		\$125.12
Net cost of sewer,		<hr/>
		\$995.83

## BOSCAWEN PLAIN SEWER.

## Paid :

Oct. 30.	J. H. Flanders, freighting,	\$10.85
Nov. 27.	Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, Akron pipe,	67.20
Dec. 25.	Geo. L. Pillsbury, cash paid for labor, &c.,	103.87
	J. E. Rines, brick,	11.20
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		\$193.12

## EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.

## 1886. Paid :

May 15.	Police protection of E. S. Harris's mill property, G. L. Gleason, special policeman, services,	\$86.00
22.	George H. Gross, services,	10.00
	B. F. Butler, constable,	12.00
29.	Stevens & Duncklee, policemen's badges,	3.10
	H. H. Amsden & Sons, policeman's sup- plies,	1.10
	O. J. Fifield, policeman's supplies,	.65
22.	J. C. Pearson, agent, cash to witnesses, surveyors, and other expenses in the trial of the suit against the town, brought by A. Jennie Noyes for damages on the highway,	68.35

## 1887. Cash paid:

Feb. 25. J. C. Pearson, selectman (10.56); I. K. Gage, witness fees (\$5); John M. Mitchell (\$25), counsel for town in the suit brought by George M. Dudley against the town for payment on order on the treasurer for abatement of taxes, and which was never tried by the court, but was entered a nonsuit by Dudley's counsel when the town was all ready for the trial,	\$40.56
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	\$221.76

## RECAPITULATION.

State and county taxes,	\$3,213.62
Miscellaneous bills,	1,588.02
Aid to the poor,	690.13
Roads and bridges,	1,836.81
Schools and school-money,	3,216.50
Notes and interest,	2,524.60
Town officers,	420.00
Police officers,	92.50
Abatement of taxes,	225.46
Mrs. D. Fellows's account,	85.50
Penacook sewer,	995.75
Boscawen Plain sewer,	193.12
Extraordinary expenses,	221.76
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	\$15,303.77

## TOWN LIABILITIES.

Note to Willis G. Buxton,	\$400.00
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## ASSETS.

Mrs. D. Fellows place, deeded to town,	\$467.86
Cash in hands of treasurer (including dog tax collected 1885 and 1886, \$102.25),	105.87
Execution against George M. Dudley for cost, now in process of collection,	28.56
	<hr/> \$602.29
Balance in favor of the town March 1, 1887,	\$202.29

JOHN C. PEARSON,

GEORGE L. PILLSBURY,

ENOCH G. WOOD,

*Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, auditors of the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year 1886-'87, report that they have examined the accounts, and find the receipts to have been \$15,364.57 from March 1, 1886, to March 1, 1887, and the disbursements \$15,258.70, paid on orders drawn by the selectmen and on outstanding orders,—leaving in the hands of the treasurer a balance of cash, \$105.87, all of which are properly vouched and correctly cast.

LUTHER GAGE,

WALTER E. SWEATT,

*Auditors.*

Boscawen, March 1, 1887.

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REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE TOWN IN THE SUIT BROUGHT BY A. JENNIE NOYES, OF CONCORD, AGAINST THE TOWN FOR ALLEGED DAMAGES ON THE HIGHWAY.

The case was tried by the jury at the April term of the supreme court, and a verdict in favor of the town was rendered. Exceptions to the instruction given to the jury by the presiding justice were taken by the counsel for Mrs. Noyes.



The case was transferred to the law term of the supreme court, and the exceptions were sustained. Subsequently a motion for a rehearing on these questions was made by the counsel for the town, and the motion being granted, the case is still in court, and a decision will probably be rendered at the March term. Should the court decide against the town, a new trial may be had at the next April term. The expenses, so far as paid, appear in the extraordinary expense account.

J. C. PEARSON, *Agent*.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer respectfully submits his annual report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1887:

Cash received from former treasurer, as per last report,	\$70.80
Wm. D. Colby, collector of taxes in 1884,	90.00
“ “ “ 1885,	1,318.62
J. P. Hubbard, “ “ 1876,	10.24
W. G. Buxton, “ “ 1886,	10,788.04
State of New Hampshire, railroad tax,	578.53
savings-bank tax,	1,261.27
literary fund,	161.28
Bounty on grasshoppers,	63.50
Merrimack county aid to paupers,	507.99
Cash from selectmen,	407.76
“ Joseph H. Jackman,	5.19
“ W. G. Buxton, on W. Perkins's tax, 1883,	1.35
“ Wm. D. Colby, on account of taxes as agreed upon,	100.00
	<u>\$15,364.57</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Payment on outstanding orders,	\$36.50
Payment on orders drawn by selectmen	
from 1 to 237 inclusive,	15,222.20
Cash on hand March 1, 1887,	105.87
	<u>\$15,364.57</u>

CHAS. J. ELLSWORTH, *Treasurer*.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN SCHOOL BOARD.

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### *Fellow-Citizens :*

Your school board report the condition of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1887, as follows :

### SCHOOL No. 1.—PLAIN.

The spring term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Hattie Roberts, of Concord.

Miss Roberts was well qualified to teach, and good improvement was made during the term ; but near the close of the term the teacher seemed to be interested elsewhere, and the school was closed two weeks previous to the allotted time, without examination. Number of visits made the school by persons not attending the school, 7.

### *Roll of Honor.*

Charles H. Carter,	Fred W. Rowell,
Walter H. Carter,	Ida James,
Charles H. Rowell,	Mary R. Green.

The fall term of eleven weeks and the winter term of ten weeks were taught by Miss Isabel Seavey. Thirty-two dollars was donated by the trustees of the Academy Fund, which added four weeks to the school.

The teacher used good methods in teaching, was earnest and faithful, and good improvement was made by all under her charge. The interest and enthusiasm manifested at this school

seemed to have strong attractions for scholars in other parts of the town, and several attended during the winter term, and some from out of town. Miss Seavey has had much experience in teaching, and her reputation as a successful teacher is too well known for this school to need further comment. Number of visitors, 49.

*Roll of Honor.*

*Fall Term.*

Charles H. Carter,  
Mabel A. Carter,  
Lottie G. Green,  
Amy Walker.

*Winter Term.*

Charles H. Carter,  
Walter H. Carter,  
Mabel A. Carter,  
Lettie D. Thurston.

SCHOOL NO. 2.—NORTH WATER STREET.

Spring term, nine weeks. Teacher, Miss J. Stella Holmes, Webster. Good improvement was made by all, and marked improvement by some. The teacher showed her ability to run the school without outside help. Number of visits, 22.

*Roll of Honor.*

Fred G. Hale,  
Cora E. Hale,

Lottie M. Plumer,  
Sarah A. Plumer.

Fall term, six weeks. Teacher, Miss Morgia A. Shaw, Salisbury. Miss Shaw is an experienced teacher, and evidently worked hard for the interest of the scholars. Good order was maintained, and good results appeared at the closing examination. Number of visits, 12.

*Roll of Honor.*

Fred G. Hale,  
Cora E. Hale,

Olive M. George.

Third term, nine weeks. Teacher, Miss Kate L. Blenus, Royalston, Mass. High hopes were entertained for this school at the commencement of the term, and we were not disappointed. It was apparent at the closing examination that there could be no regrets for misspent time. Good improvement was made by



all. Nearly every question asked was promptly and correctly answered. The class of five small scholars at the blackboard, and the class in geography, with questions on the map of the United States, was a pleasing feature of the occasion, and worthy of mention. The map drawing was neatly executed, and seemed correct.

*Roll of Honor.*

Charles Rowell,  
Fred G. Hale,  
Cora E. Hale,

Hannah Plumer,  
Lutie Plumer.

SCHOOL NO. 3.—GULF.

The summer term of ten weeks and the fall term of fourteen weeks were taught by Miss Kate L. Blenus, Royalston, Mass. The teacher was earnest in her endeavors, and has an aptitude for teaching which could not fail of success. It will be seen by referring to the school statistics in this report that this is one of the most advanced schools in the town district, yet steady progress was made by all the pupils throughout, and at the closing examination results appeared creditable to the teacher and an honor to the pupils. Number of visits, 54.

*Roll of Honor.*

*First Term.*

Lena Morrison,  
Lucy Raymond,  
George Colby,  
Edith Durgin.

*Second Term.*

Henry Colby,  
George Colby.

SCHOOL NO. 4.—HIGH STREET.

Summer term. There were but four scholars to attend school. One was sent to Salisbury, one to the Gulf, and two were taught by their parents at home, and fair improvement was made by them.

In the fall and winter but two scholars were found. Arrangements were made for these to be taught at home by their parents at an expense of 50 cents per week, the scholars to be examined by Mr. Adams at the commencement and close of the

term, allowing the scholars the same number of weeks as at other schools,—24 in all. Commendable interest was manifested by the parents, and fair progress was made by the scholars.

#### SCHOOL No. 5.—NORTH BOSCAWEN.

First term, eight weeks. Teacher, Miss Gustie J. Stone, Webster. The teacher was faithful, and well qualified for the work. Good order was maintained throughout the term, and good improvement made by all. The school was closed one week short of the time allowed, by request of teacher.

#### *Roll of Honor.*

Clarence Eastman,	Jimmie McLaughlin,
Robbie Simonds,	Mirtie Rowe.
Fred Rowe,	

Second and third term, 10 weeks each. Teacher, George F. Adams, East Pembroke. Arrangements were made with the county commissioner for the board of the teacher at the farm, in charge of Mr. M. B. Neal, free of expense to the district. From five to ten scholars from Mr. Neal's family attended the school. This was Mr. Adams's first effort at teaching, but it was apparent at the examination that it should not be his last. Good improvement was made by all. The classes in arithmetic and algebra, and the prize speaking, were worthy of note. An original address of welcome to the school board and visitors by Miss Cochran, and a valedictory by Miss Eastman, were an honor to any scholar or school. Visitors, 45.

#### *Roll of Honor.*

##### *Second Term.*

Clarence Eastman,  
Mary Eastman,  
Berthie Eastman,  
Robert Simond,  
Mirtie Rowe.

##### *Third Term.*

Clarence Eastman,  
Walter Eastman,  
Eddie Law.

## SCHOOL NO. 6.—SOUTH WATER STREET.

First term, nine weeks. Teacher, Miss Nettie M. Chase, Deerfield. The firmness and decision of character manifested by the teacher at the commencement of the term soon won the respect of the scholars, and mutual good feeling prevailed throughout the term. Good order and a quiet, pleasant school was the result. Fair progress was made by all the pupils. The classes in reading and geography, and the classes in arithmetic, had evidently been well drilled, and were worthy of mention in this report. Number of visits, 33.

*Roll of Honor.*

Levi Fisher,	Florence Hardy,
Winnie Fisher,	Mattie Hardy,
Albert Hardy,	Eva Silver,
Alice Hardy,	Sadie McClure.

Winter term, fifteen weeks. Teacher, Miss May E. Adams, East Pembroke. Miss Adams has had much experience in teaching, and evidently worked hard for the interest of the school. Good order was maintained throughout the term, and satisfactory improvement made by all the scholars. The class of young ladies in grammar, and the class of small scholars in arithmetic, gave evidence that much pains had been taken. The artistic skill displayed by some of the pupils in map-drawing was very commendable. The compositions, and the paper which was read at the close of the examination, were worthy of much praise. Number of visits, 47.

*Roll of Honor.*

George Fisher,	Florence E. Hardy,
Winnie Fisher,	Mattie J. Hardy,
Levi Fisher,	Susie A. Atkinson.
Alice M. Hardy,	



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

School.	Terms.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Composition.	History.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Drawing.	Natural History.	Algebra.
No. 1.	Summer...	Miss Hattie Roberts*.....	8	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Fall.....	Miss Isabel Seavey.....	11	19	19	16	8	16	10	9	...	3	8	2	...	...	...
	Winter...	Miss Isabel Seavey.....	10	31	31	28	10	26	14	19	...	4	12	6	...	4	...
No. 2.	Summer...	Miss J. Stella Holmes.....	9	9	9	9	9	9	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Fall.....	Miss Morgia A. Shaw.....	6	9	8	8	8	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Winter...	Miss Kate L. Blenus.....	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...
No. 3.	Summer...	Miss Kate L. Blenus.....	10	14	14	14	14	14	10	10	10	5	...	...	...	4	...
	Fall.....	Miss Kate L. Blenus.....	14	15	15	15	15	15	9	9	9	3	...	2	14	2	3
	Winter...	Scholars taught at home..	12	2	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
No. 4.	Summer...	Scholars taught at home..	12	2	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Winter...	Scholars taught at home..	12	2	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Summer...	Miss Gustie J. Stone.....	8	15	15	12	9	8	5	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
No. 5.	Fall.....	Mr. George F. Adams.....	10	25	25	25	15	15	8	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Winter...	Mr. George F. Adams.....	10	16	16	16	6	12	4	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Summer...	Miss Nettie M. Chase.....	9	19	17	19	17	18	13	8	8	...	2	6	...	...	...
No. 6.	Winter...	Miss May E. Adams.....	15	19	19	19	19	19	14	9	17	7	...	...	14	...	1

Number of scholars in town district not less than five years old, 87.

We are happy to say that our schools have been very successful during the past year, and have attained to a higher degree of excellence than in almost any previous year, and if it had not been for the sudden death of one of our number, it would not be with feelings of sadness that we write this report.

Realizing that a good teacher is one of the first requisites for a good school, we have endeavored to secure the services of such, although at an increased expense in wages. But still, however well our teachers may be qualified, however well adapted to the business of teaching, our schools can never be brought up to that high standard of excellence which they should and could be unless our teachers can have the full support of the parents. Slight difficulties will sometimes occur, as when some one thinks that his child does not receive as much attention as some neighbor's child, or that his child was punished at school when some other one ought to have been. If, at such times, the parents would see the teacher privately, and quietly talk the matter over, they would often find that the teacher was not to blame, and all differences could be satisfactorily adjusted without harm to the schools.

\* Teacher did not fill out register.

But few changes of text-books have been made during the past year. Four or five different kinds of arithmetics were found in the schools at the commencement of the year, which have been replaced by Greenleaf's new series, and the writing-books formerly used have been replaced by Harper's educational series. Several new maps, a globe, and some other school furnishings have been provided for the school-rooms. Some of our school-rooms are in much need of repairs, and should receive our earliest attention. A large per cent. of our school-money is lost for the want of more comfortable school-rooms. The four cold, bare walls of a school-room cannot have that attraction for our scholars that a nice, cosey, well furnished room would be likely to have. Two hundred and ninety-eight visits have been made to the various schools in the district the past year by individuals not attending the schools, which is a step in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. ABBOTT,

JOHN G. MEDER,

*School Board.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PENACOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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To the citizens and friends of education in Penacook School District in Boscawen the Board of Education presents its second annual report. The board of teachers has consisted of Miss Alice M. Sargent of Penacook, principal; Miss Addie L. Flanders of Boscawen, teacher of the Intermediate department; Miss Lizzie A. Wyman of Concord, teacher of the Primary school; Miss M. Grace Caldwell of Penacook, assistant teacher in the Grammar school; and Mr. S. L. French of East Concord, whose report we annex, and who has done excellent work in his department as teacher of penmanship.

With the completion of the present term, March 4th, there will have been three terms of twelve weeks each in all these departments. The Board of Education has endeavored to so broaden the course of study that all the scholars in this district may avail themselves of the advantages of a High school and common school combined. Should any of the scholars be unable to attend a school of a higher grade than this, we are sure that by the proper and judicious use of their time and opportunities here they can obtain a good business education.

Miss Sargent, as principal, has given good satisfaction. She is an earnest worker in the school-room. Stimulated and encouraged by her precepts and example, the most of her pupils have done good work. Worthy of special mention are classes in arithmetic, written and mental, English grammar, geography,



book-keeping, algebra, geometry, rhetoric, English literature, and Latin.

As an assistant teacher in the Grammar school, Miss Caldwell is entitled to much credit. She has shown that she has ability of a high order as a teacher. Herself a valedictorian of the Concord High School, she seeks to bring her pupils up to her own high standard of scholarship, and with good results.

Miss Flanders, a lady of much experience as a teacher, has done good work in the Intermediate department. Much attention has been given to drawing and music, and the examination to-day was very good. Her methods are peculiarly her own, and she has succeeded in interesting and instructing her pupils to good advantage. Some have made rapid and brilliant progress, and all have done commendably well.

Miss Wyman, in the Primary school,—really the most important and the hardest school of all,—has given her best efforts to make the school a success. She is a hard-working and pains-taking teacher. At the beginning of the summer term the teacher introduced the “Kindergarten” methods, and continued in that course until the middle of the fall term, when it became apparent to the board that the teacher was doing the most of the work, and that the scholars were shirking to the best of their ability. It was decided to abandon the Kindergarten methods, and a primary course was outlined and adopted. Since that time more and better work has been accomplished. Worthy of mention are samples of drawing and writing shown by many of the scholars. More than one has shown decided artistic skill. All the scholars have given attention to reading, spelling, oral arithmetic, oral geography, and singing, together with other general exercises which serve to interest and instruct these little scholars.

In summing up, we say we are satisfied that our schools have been in a good degree successful, that the discipline has been good, and that substantial progress has been made. We wish to remind the parents, and others who should be interested in these schools, that they have sadly neglected their duty and privilege in not visiting the schools oftener. The great majority have not even been inside the school building during term-time.

It is vastly easier to criticise and condemn than to build up and sustain good schools.

We earnestly commend our schools to your careful consideration, hoping that there will be a continued advancement in the benefits and influence of such schools as we should have with the means at our command.

J. C. PEARSON,  
W. G. BUXTON,  
F. H. GAGE,  
*Board of Education.*

March 1, 1887.

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*To the Board of Education (Boscawen side), Penacook, N. H.:*

GENTLEMEN: I herewith send samples of the writing of the pupils in the Grammar school. A part of them are satisfactory to me as specimens of correct penmanship; but I think the greater improvement has been made by those who are not now the better penmen. The writing of the Intermediate school will be shown you by Miss Flanders. I think no school I ever taught made greater improvement than this school during the last term, for which Miss Flanders should receive much credit.

I regret that I did not take specimens of the writing of both schools at the commencement of the fall term.

Yours most respectfully,

S. L. FRENCH.







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